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(SBU) We delivered reftel points on Venezuela's proposed legislative restrictions on NGOs to Miriam Cengelova of the MFAs Fifth Territorial Department (Americas) on June 15. Cengelova said that since Slovakia doesn't have an Embassy in Venezuela, they could not communicate any message to the government there. Poloff suggested Slovakia might send a message through a nearby Embassy, or encourage the EU as a whole to issue a statement. Cengelova said that she really doesn't think it is that important an issue for Slovakia, and did not seem willing to take any action based on our message.

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